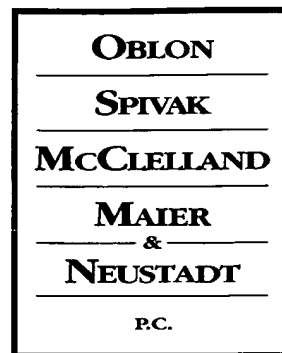




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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 26, 2005, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, Claims 1-10 and 24, directed to a crystallization apparatus. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-10 and 24 is respectfully requested.

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